

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/680,032	GALLI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 17 June 2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4, 5, 7-10, 12-25, 28-33, and 46 (renumbered as 1-28).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application</li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date <u>herewith</u> .</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.</li> </ol> |
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/Benjamin R Bruckart/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2446

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### *Allowance*

1. Claims 2, 3, 6, 11, 26, 27, and 34-45 are cancelled.
2. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-10, 12-25, 28-33, and 46 are allowed.

### *Examiner's Amendment*

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Glenn (Reg. #30,176) on 23 August 2010.
5. The application has been amended as follows:  
In the Claims: Claims 1, 25, and 46 have been amended.

### **Claim 1 (Currently Amended)**

Line 33 "return text from said destination user" has been replaced with **–return text from said destination user;–**.

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Line 39 “blog entry to the blog of any of said of said two or more users” has been replaced with **–blog entry to the blog of any of said two or more users–**.

Line 41 “between any of said of said two or more users” has been replaced with **–between any of said two or more users–**.

Line 43 “any of said of said two or more users” has been replaced with **–any of said two or more users–**.

**Claim 25 (Currently Amended)**

Line 34 “receipt of return text from said destination user” has been replaced with **–receipt of return text from said destination user;–**.

Line 40 “publish a blog entry to the blog of any of said of said two or more” has been replaced with **–publish a blog entry to the blog of any of said two or more–**.

Line 43 “pictures between any of said of said two or more users; and” has been replaced with **–pictures between any of said two or more users; and –**.

Line 45 “between any of said of said two or more users;” has been replaced with **–between any of said two or more users;–**.

**Claim 46 (Currently Amended)**

Line 25 “pictures between any of said of said two or more users; and” has been replaced with **–pictures between any of said two or more users; and –.**

Line 28 “publish a blog entry to the blog of any of said of said two or more” has been replaced with **–publish a blog entry to the blog of any of said two or more–.**

***Reasons for Allowance***

6. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-10, 12-25, 28-33, and 46 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The examiner has found that the prior art of record does not teach, suggest, or render obvious, *inter alia*, the specific combination of a system and a method for providing real-time instant messaging over a global network in a session between two or more users, said system comprising: a client messaging application which runs on each of a plurality of user devices, said user interface comprising: a selection window for accessing one or more application agents associated with on-line messaging service applications, wherein each application agent is represented by an icon in said selection window; wherein said messaging service applications include each of: a translation service application, said translation service application configured to translate content as it is typed into said message entry window without having to locally run an executable application, thus providing an enriched communication session beyond simple, replicated text message content; a speech synthesis

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application configured to: recognize the speech of a visually-impaired user; synthesize the recognized speech into synthesized text; send the synthesized text to a destination user; read the screen of a visually-impaired user upon receipt of return text from said destination user; translate said return text into a human-understandable audio signal; and broadcast said audio signal to said visually-impaired user via a speaker; an automatic blog publishing application configured to publish a blog entry to the blog of any of said two or more users; a picture sharing application configured to share digital pictures between any of said two or more users; and a map sharing application configured to share digital maps between any of said two or more users (major differences in the claims not found in the prior art) as set forth in the specification and recited in independent claims 1, 25, and 46.

7. For these reasons, in conjunction with the other limitations of the independent claims, puts this case in condition for allowance.
8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance OR Examiner's Amendment."

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***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Baturay whose telephone number is (571) 272-3981. The examiner can normally be reached at 7:30am - 5pm, Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Pwu can be reached on (571) 272-6798. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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